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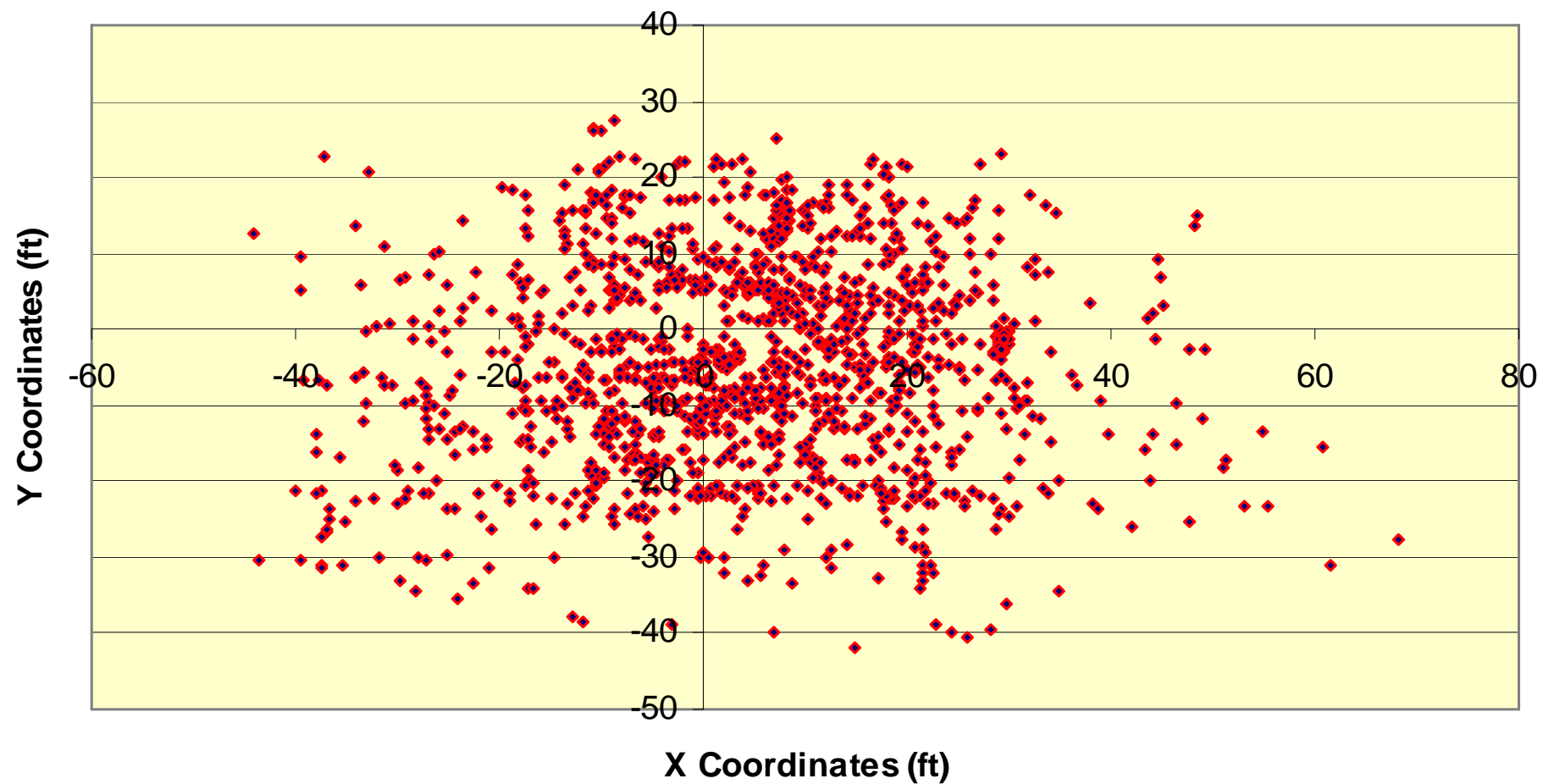
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No Beam -- Shot Scatter Plot





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Aircraft Counter Measures (ACCM)

Human Effects (HE) Test Analysis

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Overview



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- **ACCM Background**
- **Test Details**
- **Data Collection**
- **Test Analysis Methodology**
- **Findings**
- **Lessons Learned and Conclusion**

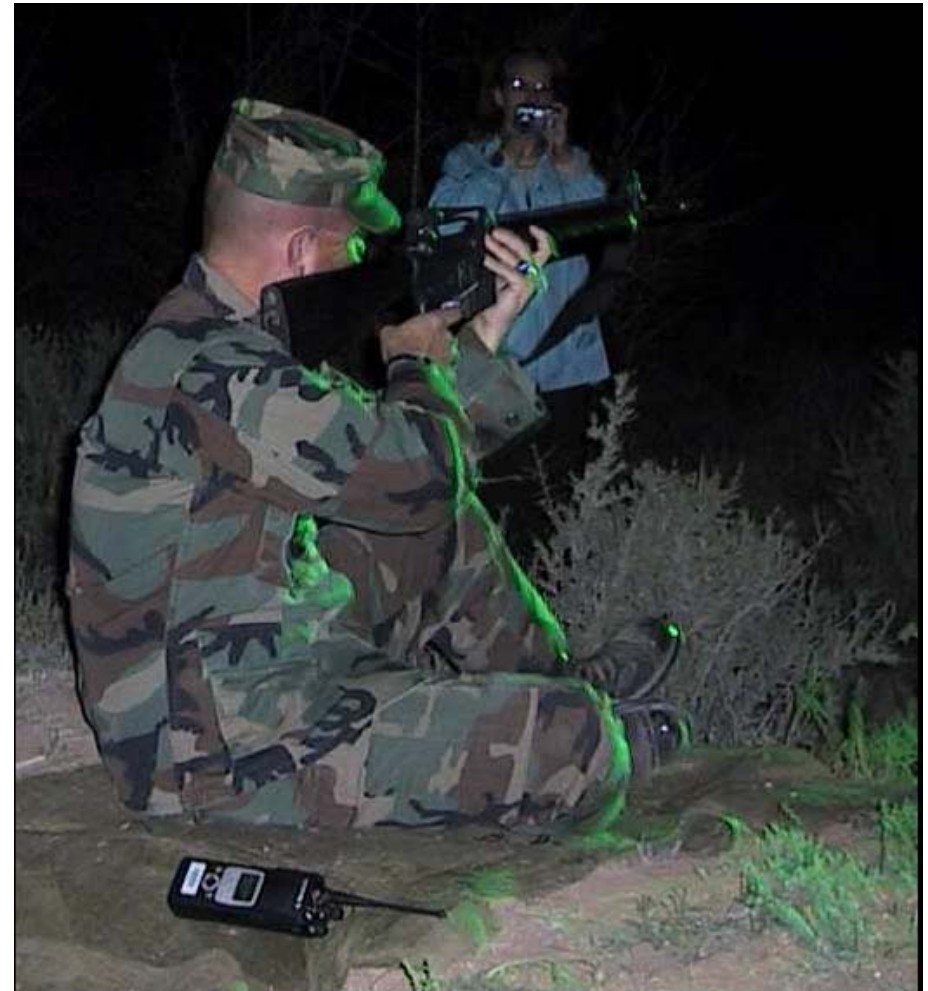


ACCM Background



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- ACCM is a Warfighter Rapid Acquisition Program (WRAP) involving AFSOC/A5T, AFRL/DE, AFRL/HE, and Boeing Scorpworks Lab
- Laser system designed to provide significant glare source





Test Details



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- **Main purpose: to determine if the ACCM laser system works as an effective counter measure against small arms fire**
- **Three test phases**
 - **No laser (no beam)**
 - **Low power level**
 - **High power level**
- **Players**
 - **Helicopter gunner**
 - **Shooters**





Proposed Data Collection Tools



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- **Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System 2000 (MILES 2000) gear**
- **Video feeds**
- **Shot placement software**
- **Sensor suite**
 - **Accelerometer (rifle recoil), optical (MILES/ACCM beam), data logger (GPS position, time etc.)**
- **Shooter Data**
 - **Interviews and surveys**
- **Gunner Data**



HE Test Methodology



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- **Measures Of Performance (MOPs) considered**
- **Comparing test phases**
- **What we wanted to do with our data**
- **What we were able to do with our data**



MOPs Considered



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- **Hit ratio on the helo**
 - No. of hits divided by shots fired
 - A hit was designated a shot within 11' of the center of the gunner's window
- **Average miss distance and Circular Error Probable (CEP)**
- **Average number of aggressors killed**
- **Average number of near-misses**



Comparing Test Phases



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- **Compare the MOPs captured via statistical tests**
 - **Large sample hypothesis tests**
 - **Determine if shooters performance was adversely affected in engagements with the ACCM laser system**
- **Analyze survey responses**
 - **Assigned a score to each response and looked at averages and standard deviation**
 - **Did not look at non-parametric statistics**



Data – Hopes vs. Reality



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- **Hopes**
 - Analyze each shooter's performance individually
 - Shooter variability not an issue
 - Shot placement software would efficiently “score” the shots
- **Reality**
 - Without sensor suite could not analyze the shooter's performance individually (assume ea. shooter the same)
 - Without shot placement software all of the videos had to be watched and scored by “hand”



Findings



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How do you conduct meaningful analysis based on only 42% of the data points?

	No Beam	0.5% MPE	1% MPE	Total
Total Fired	3217	2162	3034	8413
Total Found	1406	859	1272	3537
% Found	0.4371	0.3973	0.4192	0.4204

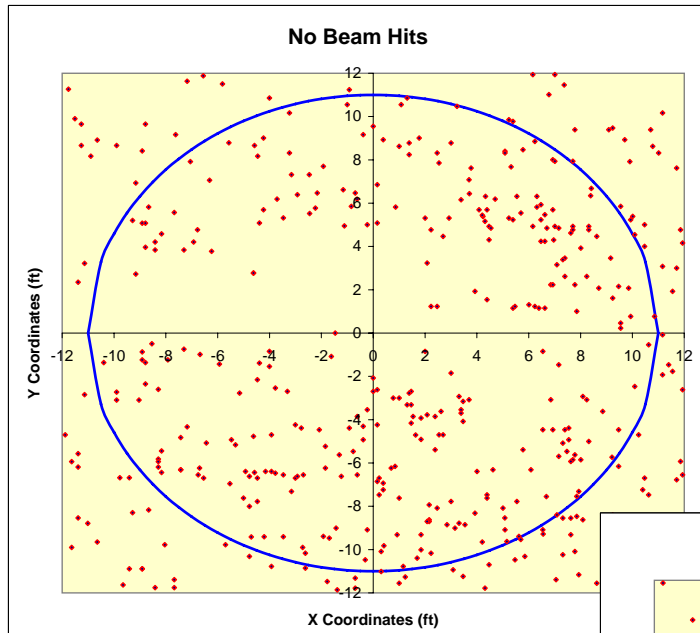
- **Only found 42% of the shots**
 - Remaining shots were either not seen/captured on the video feeds or missed the hangar all together
 - Non-representative sample
- **Most of MOPs could not be used**
 - Except for hit-ratio, kills, and near-misses



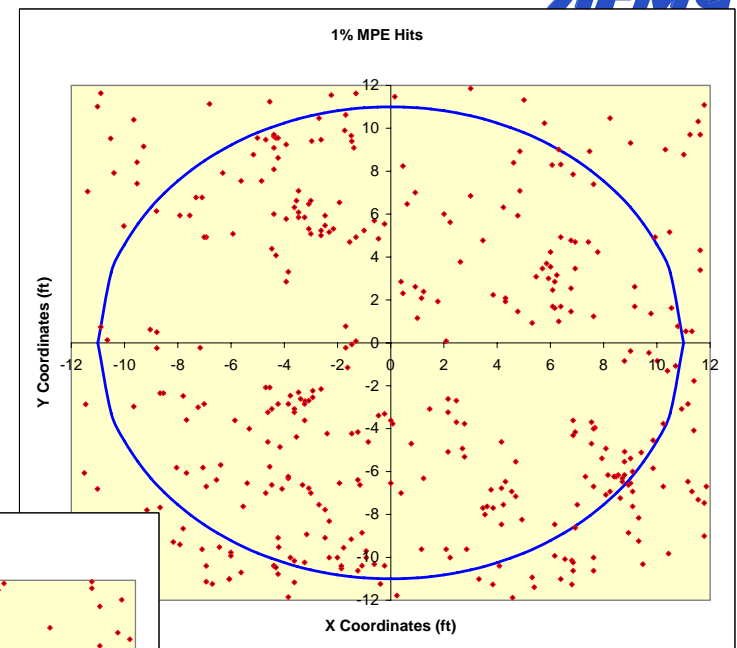
Shooter Accuracy



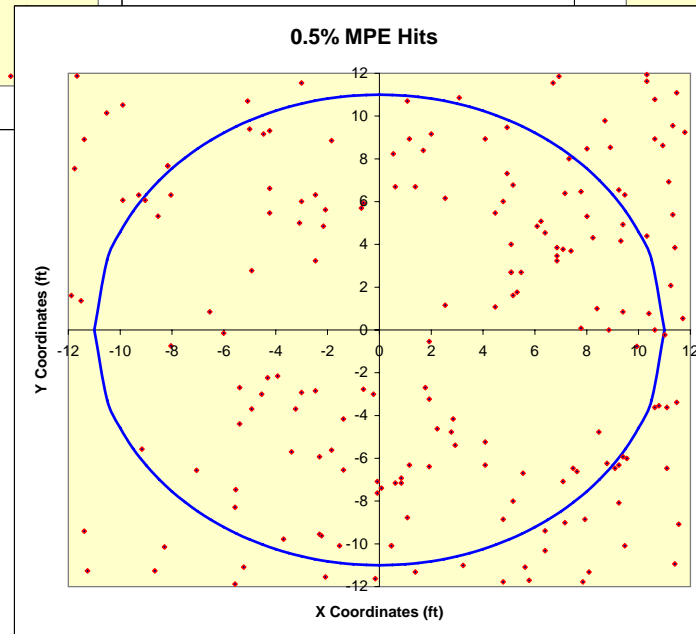
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No Beam Hits



High Power Hits



Low Power Hits



Shooter Accuracy



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	No Beam	Low Pwr	High Pwr
Total Hits	314	117	274
Shots Fired	3217	2162	3034
Hit Ratio	0.0976	0.0541	0.0903

- **Hit ratio is statistically smaller in the Low Power test phase**
- **Looked into this further by analyzing hit ratio at the engagement level**
 - **No. of hits per engagement**
 - **No. of engagements with 5, 10, 15, or 20+ hits**
 - **Analyzed this for all of the engagements and a random sampling of engagements**
- **Consistent results**



Findings



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- **One other factor changed with the power of the laser (which we were not made aware of until late into the analysis)**
 - **Spot size went from 29.5' in diameter in High Power test phase to 42.7' in diameter in the Low Power test phase**
 - **A difference of 744 square feet (or double the area)**
- **So we conclude that the laser's spot size is the most important factor, but more testing needs to be done to confirm this**



Findings



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- **Shooters killed and near-misses by gunner**
 - **A lot more kills and near-misses from the No Beam to the High Power test phase**
 - **Explanation: Gunner's are used to aiming using tracer rounds, cannot do that when using blanks**
 - **Laser became their aiming device**
- **Overall our findings were not inherently conclusive**
 - **Missing a lot of data**
 - **Need data on each shooter's performance**
 - **Better way to score/find the shooter's shots**



Lessons Learned



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- **Test environment is ever changing**
 - **Flexibility**
 - **Back-up plans**
- **Understand all of the possible variables/factors prior to test**
 - **Control as many as possible**
- **Everything sounds great on paper (but chances are things will not work as advertised)**
- **More testing to obtain conclusive results is never a conclusion that wants to be heard**



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Questions?



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Backups



ACCM Background



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- **ACCM is a Warfighter Rapid Acquisition Program (WRAP) involving AFSOC/A5T, AFRL/DE, AFRL/HE, Boeing Scorpworks Lab, and AFMC/OAS**
- **Laser system designed by Boeing Scorpworks lab to provide significant glare source**
 - **Green light laser of particular wavelength, found to create a ‘dazzling effect’ on the human eye**
- **Designed to fill weapons engagement zone gap from 1Km to terminal area of recovery**



Test Details



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- **Helicopter gunner**
 - **On scissor lift in hangar (gunner's window)**
 - **Goal was to “kill” as many shooters as possible during each engagement**
 - **Weapon was a M-249 (equipped with MILES 2000)**
- **Shooters in the field in front of hangar**
 - **Two teams of 5 shooters**
 - **Goal was to get as many shots on the helicopter as possible (aim point - center of the gunner's window)**
 - **Weapon – M-4 rifles (equipped with MILES 2000)**

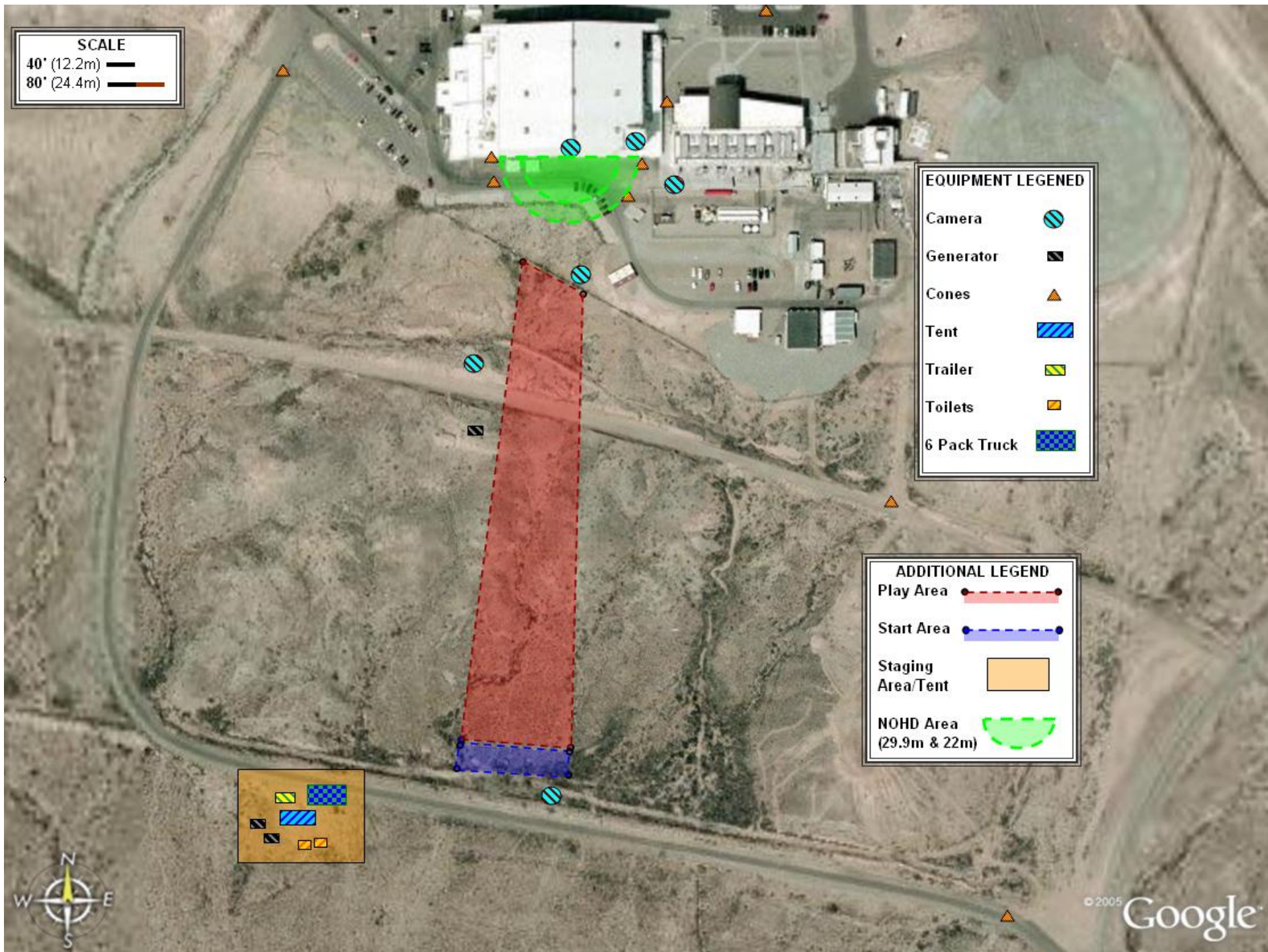


Test Details



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- **Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System 2000 (MILES 2000)**
 - **System of sensors and transmitters that the shooters and gunner wear**
 - **Gunner did not wear a sensor so we could not determine when he was hit – did not want his weapon to be disabled during engagement**
 - **Record hits and near-misses (disables weapon if hit)**
- **Main purpose: to determine if the ACCM laser system works as an effective counter measure against small arms fire**





OAS Involvement



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- **Independent review of the Human Effects test for the ACCM program**
 - **OAS holds no stake in the outcome of the WRAP**
- **Test design, implementation, and analysis of results**
 - **OAS was involved in previous phase of HE test**
- **Production of study report to include findings and future recommendations**



Data Collection



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- **3 cameras for video shot placement**
 - **IR sensitive cameras pickup MILES 2000 pulses**
 - **Shot placement software proved to be ineffective**
 - **All video had a time stamp that was synchronized with all other data by GPS time**
 - **Each video was scanned by team from Scorpworks lab to identify and assess time and location of each shot**
- **Scorpworks sensor suite**
 - **Data loggers were found, during test, to be unreliable**
 - **Made other sensors useless**
 - **Voice recorders were used but not analyzed**
- **Combat camera footage on field during engagements to verify sequences of action**



Data Collection



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- **MILES gear downloads**
- **Shooter data**
 - **Interviewed shooters after each engagement to record shots fired, misfires, jams etc.**
 - **3 cameras for video shot placement**
- **Gunner data**
 - **Shots fired, etc.**
- **Shooter surveys**
 - **Handed out at end of each phase per night**



Hopes For Our Data



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- **Wanted to locate and measure the miss distance of all shots fired by the aggressor teams**
 - **Use this data to compare test phases or conditions**
- **Show from surveys whether or not the aggressors had opinions about particular test conditions that were later verified through analysis of shot data**
- **Show number of kills and near-misses against the aggressors**



Reality of Our Data



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- **Without a working Scorpworks sensor suite, we were unable to identify shots by shooter or show when a shooter was in the ACCM beam**
 - **No way to determine (by shooter) if a shot was better or worse while the shooter was in the laser's path**
- **Without the shot placement software all of the videos had to be watched and the shots scored "by hand"**
 - **Capturing a MILES 2000 pulse on hangar, finding the center, and then calculating the radial miss distance**



Findings



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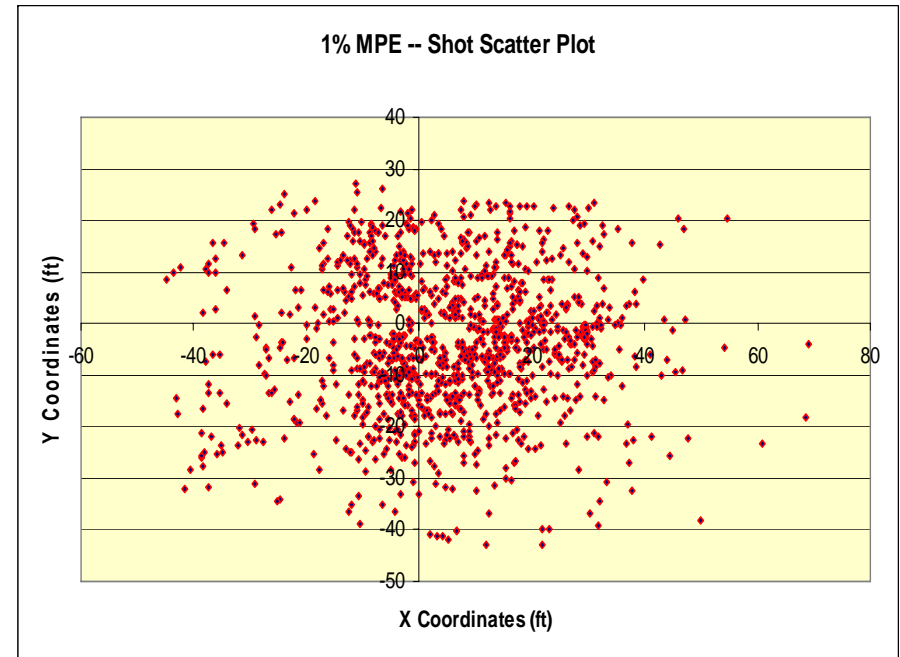
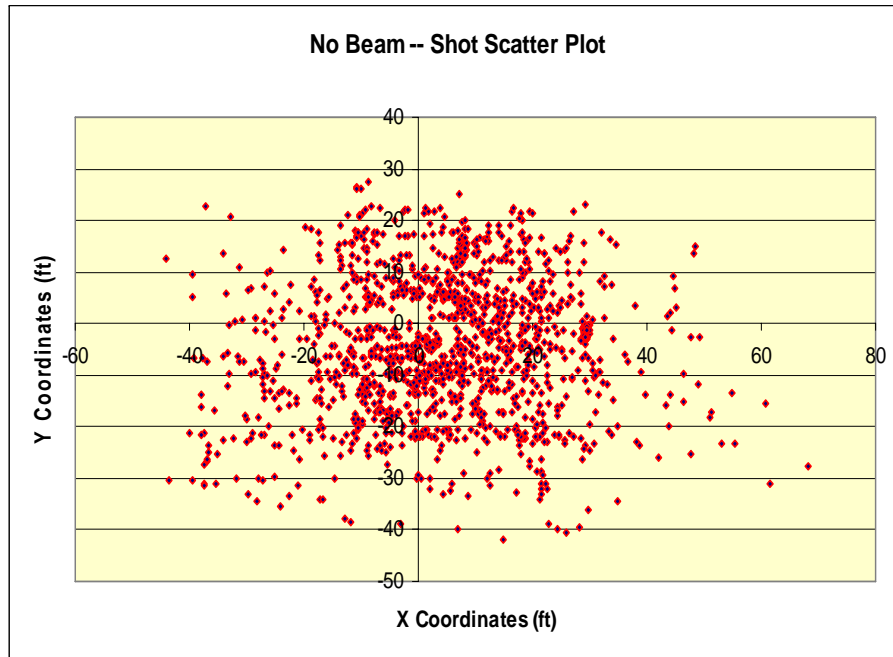
- **Shooter's accuracy**
 - **No notable difference between the no beam and 1% MPE test phases**
 - **Hit ratios were significantly lower in the 0.5% MPE test phase than in the other two**
 - **If laser had a negative effect on shooter accuracy wouldn't the trend continue as the power of the laser went up (brighter)?**



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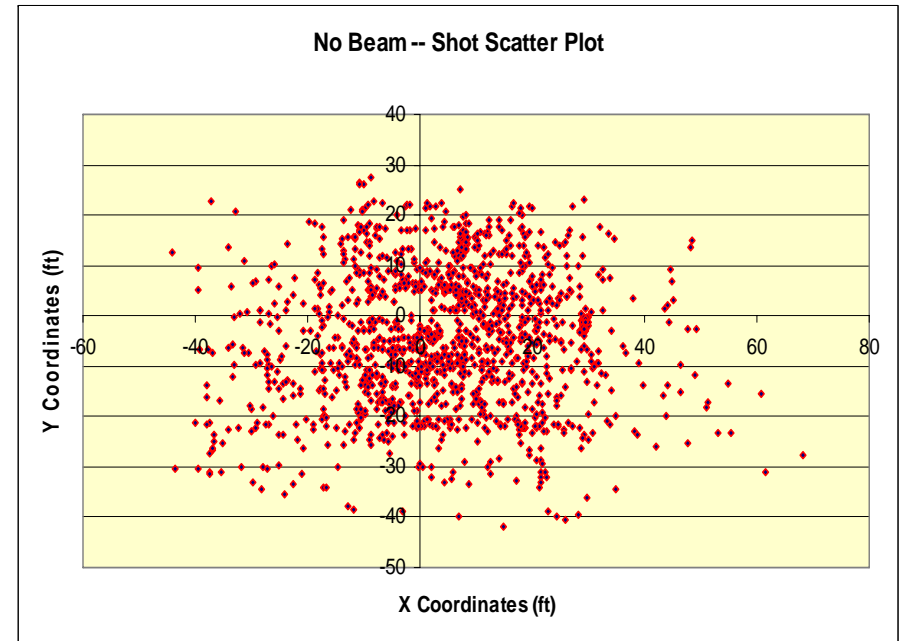
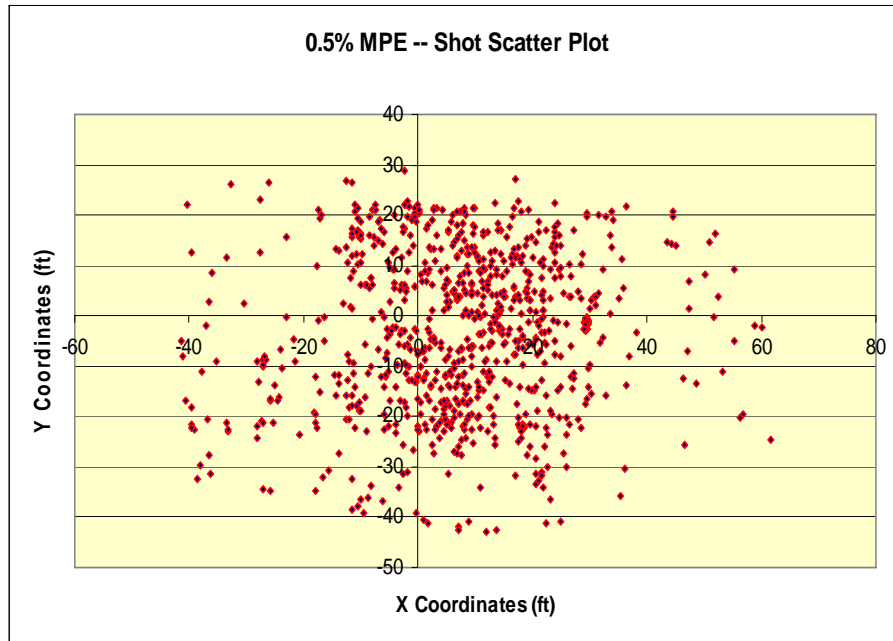
- Not much difference seen, with similar numbers of shots found, in the No Beam and High Power scatter plots



Findings



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- In the Low Power condition we had significantly fewer data points to work with than in the No Beam or High Power conditions